

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Declaration

The form referred to by the Examiner is a combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. The Declaration has NOT been altered. Only the Power of Attorney was altered and this does not render the Declaration invalid. In fact, the undersigned's firm has now joined the customer number program of the USPTO and declarations are being filed with a customer number sticker instead of a list of registered patent attorneys. If, upon further consideration of this point, the Examiner still wants a 'clean' form, a new one will be generated and signed by the inventors.

Abstract

A new Abstract of the Disclosure is provided in accordance with current USPTO requirements.

Page Numbering

A substitute specification with proper page numbering is hereby provided as Appendix A.

Claim Objections

Claims 4-11 and 17-20 were objected to because of their multiple claim dependency problems. The claims are amended to eliminate multiple claims depending from multiple claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112

Claims 3, 12-20, and 22 were rejected based on 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The claims have been amended to correct the various deficiencies noted by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections


The prior art ground of rejection are respectfully traversed. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of original claim 9. It is believed that the claims, as amended, patentably define over Widi (US Patent No. 5,721,678).

The Examiner points out that in Widi there is a free road next to a Turnpike (toll road) and that this is analogous to our buffer area. It appears to Applicant that Widi discloses including an ***additional point*** in the charging area and erasing the results whether the

additional point is passed or not. According to Widi, characteristics other than the area, detailed information on the free area, and the like are required.

In our claimed inventions, the buffer area is set at a boundary of a charging area. Charging information is generated whether the vehicle is in the buffer area or not. Characteristics other than the area, detailed information on the free area, and the like are not required due our defining a physical buffer area with respect to each charging area. All outstanding matters having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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